

II. *Description of a New Species of Hestina, which mimics a Danais.* By ARTHUR G. BUTLER, F.L.S., F.Z.S.

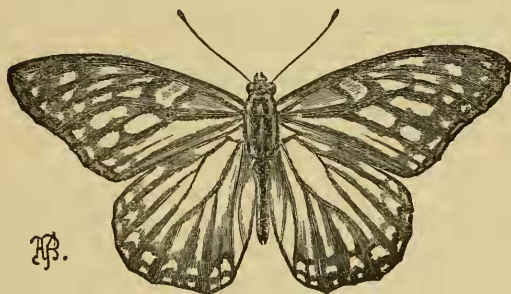
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THE following species has been lent me for description by G. Waters, Esq.: it is remarkable as being an excellent mimic of *Danais Juventa*, a widely distributed and tolerably common East Indian and Oceanic species.

Fam. NYMPHALIDÆ.

Gen. HESTINA, Westwood.

(Dbl. and Hew. Diurn. Lep. p. 281).



Hestina Zella, sp. nov.

♂. Alæ suprâ albæ, paululùm virescentes; cellâ discoidali anticarum maculariter cinerascens; venis omnibus latè cinereo-nigrescentibus; alæ anticæ fasciis tribus obliquè transversis discoidalibus angulatis nigris, unâque nervulos primum et secundum medianos connectente; margine apiceque nigrescentibus, maculas tres subapicales et octo submarginales viridi-albas includentibus; punctis septem vel octo marginalibus cinereis sub-obsoletis; alæ posticæ maculâ costali squamosâ nigricante; margine externo nigrescente, maculas octo submarginales albas punctaque octo marginalia alba includente; corpus nigrum, capite albo-punctato, thorace cinereo-albo-striato, abdomine lateraliter albo, antennis nigris. Alæ subtus fusco-albidæ, areâ anali anticarum cærulescente, venis interno-discoideis fasciisque discoideis nigris, characteribus aliis velut suprâ positis,

at pallidè olivaceis ; corpus nigrum, albo-maculatum :
proboscis fulva.

Exp. alar. unc. 2, lin. 10.

Habitat in Oriente (regione speciali incognitâ).

This beautiful little species is most nearly allied to *Hestina Mena* of Moore; it is probably intermediate between that species and the *assimilis* of Linnæus, and is smaller than any species yet described; in general form perhaps it is most like Felder's *Japonica* (*Diagoras*, Hewits.).

The collection from which this butterfly was obtained was made in various localities; it contained several species from the Continent of India, and others from some of the Eastern islands in which local modifications of *Danaïis juvena* occur. On the mimetic theory, the *Hestina* ought to inhabit the same country as the species which it mimics. A specimen in the Hope Collection is labelled "E. Indies."
